

ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

100 North Union Street, Suite 724
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-5040
Regular Board Meeting
February 21, 2020

Meeting was held at Wallace Community College-Dothan Campus

- I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Wiley Christian, III at 12:03PM Board Members present were; Adams, Christian, Hemm, McGriff, Strunk, Zecher, and Jeffrey Vinzant, Executive Director. Visitors were Peggy Loney, Charles Ohm, Shannon Turner, Jerry W. Cole, Pamela Harbert, Carol Johnston, and Barbara Thames.

Member Strunk verified the meeting did have a quorum.

Open Discussion –Executive Director reminded the members the Statement of Economic Interests are due April 30th and encouraged all members to complete them online. The PT Conclave event will be Saturday, February 29th and office staff will be attending. PT Day at the Capitol is Wednesday, March 4th, and lastly, our next meeting in April will be the nominations meeting with email blasts and requests for nominations beginning soon.

Member Adams inquired if the Board will be presenting jurisprudence at the ALAPTA meeting in August. The discussion involved the idea of the Board funding the meeting with the intent of it being a free service to all licensees. The members charged the Executive Director with verifying the ability to partner with association from the Ethics Commission; then if allowable, initiating discussion with the ALAPTA on their interests.

Member Strunk brought forth her concerns on SB93/HB141 providing for the expanded scope of practice for Athletic Trainers. Members discussed overall concerns and efforts by the physical therapists and occupational therapists to oppose this legislation. The members also discussed, SB104/HB145 Direct Access bills, SB164 PT Compact bill, HB300 Establishment of a review board on professional licensees, and HB22 Sunset fee bill.

- II. Minutes** – The minutes of the December 5th meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes made by McGriff, seconded by Hemm. Christian, Hemm, McGriff, and Zecher voted yea, Adams and Strunk abstained.

III. Reports

New Licensees Report –Presented by the Executive Director. New license activity from November 16, 2019 to February 7, 2020. There were 72 new licensees. 57 Physical Therapists; 29 by exam and 28 by endorsement. There were 15 Physical Therapist Assistants, 11 by exam and 4 by endorsement. We had 26 Temporary licenses issued; 25 to Physical Therapists, one Physical Therapy Assistant. There were two FCCPT reports 1 substantially equivalent to CWT5 and one not substantially equivalent to CWT5.

Violations Committee Report –The Executive Director presented the recommendations for the case under review by the committee. Case #18-12-24, unprofessional conduct is still being held over due to pending court date in that county. There was no other disciplinary action for the Board to consider.

Executive Director Report – In mid-January, we were notified by the Examiners Office that our Sunset review was scheduled for this year. The examiner was onsite, in the offices for about three weeks. The preliminary exit meeting with the examiner upon conclusion was that all previous issues had been addressed and there will be one finding for us to make a response. The report will go through their review process and we will be notified of any changes, date of exit review, and notification of when we go to the legislature. As soon as we receive that date, all members will be immediately notified. If at all possible, please attend the final Sunset meeting.

On March 26 & 27, Christian, Hemm, and Vinzant will attend a Trauma Boundaries training workshop that has been coordinated by FSBPT. The event will take place in Alexandria, VA, and is the beginning of a process by the Federation to assist boards with maintaining the best practices of handling sexual assault cases in the practice. A follow up report will follow.

Lastly, member Strunk has signed up for the FSBPT Board Member training in Alexandria set for June 19 & 20. FSBPT will cover one additional member from our board. Member Zecher expressed interest and will notify the office once his schedule is confirmed.

Communications Committee Report – presented by the Executive Director. Vinzant reviewed the activity since the last meeting. Email blast sent on January 21st on this meeting. Facebook activity November 27th to February 7th. Total of 7 posts made, 77 views of the site, 8 “likes”.

Wellness Committee Report-presented by Member McGriff for Dr. Garver (attachment A). McGriff reviewed the most recent report and updates with the membership. Brief discussion on CBD products for licensees. Dr. Garver has issued a no CBD products policy for individuals in the Wellness program. Our spring newsletter will have an article reflecting trends on CBD products in physical therapy both for personal use and recommendation to patients.

Financial Report – presented by the Executive Director. (attachment B) Member Christian asked the members to consider a long-term solution to property. We need to consider if it is feasible to acquire property of our own and abandon leasing office space with the intent of reducing our long-term expense on office property.

IV. Unfinished Business

Chapter 2 Code Changes-Application Process—the membership reviewed and discussed the final draft of the code changes. Highlights of the changes are: no longer licensing by endorsement in favor of score transfer, no longer requiring photo and character

references, waiving application fees for military spouses, reducing application fees, eliminating verification fees, and no longer requiring law exam in favor of a jurisprudence CE requirement before first renewal. After discussion, motion by Adams to accept and file changes, seconded by Strunk, all members voted in favor of the motion.

V. **New Business**

Delegate and Alternate Delegate selection—after some review, the members agreed to Christian being the Delegate for the Leadership Issues Forum, July 18-19, with Zecher as the Alternate Delegate. They both will attend the annual meeting being held in Orange County, California, October 22-25. As a reminder, other members may attend at the cost of the board. Deadline will be provided at a later date.

Spring Newsletter—Executive Director requested of the members to commit to articles for the spring newsletter. Christian will provide one on CBD products, Ellen will provide one on updates on CMS changes, Vinzant will provide the nomination information and pending changes.

Legislative Update—information was covered during general discussion.

VI. **Announcements**

Scheduled board meetings:

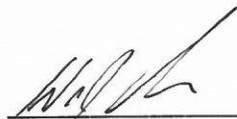
- April 17, 2020—University of South Alabama, Mobile—Noon.
- June 12, 2020—South University, Montgomery—Noon
- August 7, 2020—ALAPTA Fall meeting—TBA.
- October moved to November—TBA

VII. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Christian, seconded by Hemm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:51PM.

Jurisprudence Seminar was conducted by the members immediately afterwards until 4:00PM.



Wiley Christian, III
Board Chair